

# HOUSE BILL 822

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By: **Queen Anne's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Queen Anne's County – Arts and Entertainment District**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that in Queen Anne's County, the governing body may  
4 establish an arts and entertainment district composed of noncontiguous areas in  
5 the county, including noncontiguous areas in a municipal corporation in the  
6 county, subject to the designation of the Secretary of Business and Economic  
7 Development; requiring the governing body of Queen Anne's County to comply  
8 with certain application procedures; and generally relating to arts and  
9 entertainment districts in Queen Anne's County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Economic Development  
12 Section 4–703 and 4–704  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2008 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Economic Development  
17 Section 4–705  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2008 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Economic Development**

23 4–703.

24 (a) The following political subdivisions may apply to the Secretary to  
25 designate an arts and entertainment district:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) a political subdivision for an area within that political subdivision;

2 (2) with the prior consent of the municipal corporation, a county, on its  
3 own behalf or on behalf of a municipal corporation, for an area in the municipal  
4 corporation; or

5 (3) two or more political subdivisions jointly for an area astride their  
6 common boundaries.

7 (b) The application shall:

8 (1) be in the form and manner and contain the information that the  
9 Secretary requires by regulation;

10 (2) contain sufficient information to allow the Secretary to determine  
11 if the proposed district qualifies under §§ 4–701(c) and 4–704(a) of this subtitle; and

12 (3) be submitted for a political subdivision by its chief elected officer  
13 or, if none, its governing body.

14 4–704.

15 (a) The Secretary may designate an area as an arts and entertainment  
16 district only if the area is a contiguous geographic area that is wholly within a priority  
17 funding area as provided under § 5–7B–02 of the State Finance and Procurement  
18 Article.

19 (b) (1) Within 60 days after a submission date, the Secretary may  
20 designate one or more arts and entertainment districts from among the areas in the  
21 applications timely submitted.

22 (2) A county may not receive more than one arts and entertainment  
23 district designation in a calendar year.

24 (c) The designation of the Secretary is final.

25 (d) At any time, a political subdivision may reapply to the Secretary to  
26 designate as an arts and entertainment district an area that is not so designated.

27 4–705.

28 (A) A political subdivision may apply to the Secretary to expand an existing  
29 arts and entertainment district in the same manner as the political subdivision would  
30 apply to designate a new arts and entertainment district.

1           **(B) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND §**  
2 **4-704(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, THE GOVERNING BODY**  
3 **MAY ESTABLISH AN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT COMPOSED OF**  
4 **NONCONTIGUOUS AREAS IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING NONCONTIGUOUS AREAS**  
5 **WITHIN A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE COUNTY, SUBJECT TO THE**  
6 **SECRETARY’S DESIGNATION OF THE DISTRICT AS AN ARTS AND**  
7 **ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY.**

8           **(2) IN APPLYING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARTS AND**  
9 **ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
10 **SUBSECTION, THE QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY GOVERNING BODY SHALL COMPLY**  
11 **WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 4-703 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

12           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13           October 1, 2010.